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WITH ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN

REF: TELCON OF JUNE 13, 1977 FROM R. WILLETT/ERDA TO
SCIATT LIIMATAINEN

1. ON JUNE 14 SCIENCE ATTACHE MET WITH DR. KHAZANEH/AEOI TO
DISCUSS \$162,320 ADDITIONAL OVERHEAD FUNDS PER REF TELCON.
2. KHAZANEH REPLIED THAT IN HIS VIEW THESE UNANTICIPATED EXTRA
CHARGES DID NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY SINCE, IN HIS VIEW,
AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING OF A BUDGET OF ABOUT \$500,000 WAS
REACHED DURING THE MEETINGS IN TEHRAN WHEN THE ORNL TEAM OF
DR. ZUCKER WAS HERE.
3. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH KHAZANEH CITED WAS THAT EVEN WITH THE
ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLAR COST FIGURE FOR THE PROPOSED PROGRAM,
THIS IS ALREADY TWICE AS HIGH A COST PER PERSON AS THEIR
TRAINING ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES (I.E. U.K. FRG, AND
FRANCE), AND HE FELT AEOI UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE OR JUSTIFY STILL
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HIGHER EXPENSES WITH U.S. FOR WHICH HE FEELS THERE IS NO REAL
BASIS.

4. DISCUSSION WITH KHAZANEH WAS VERY CORDIAL AND HE ASKED TO
CONVEY THAT HE PERSONALLY, AND AEOI, "ARE REALL AND VERY
SERIOUSLY INTERESTED AND HOPE THAT THE COOPERATION WITH ERDA
AND ORNL WILL GO AHEAD AND RUN SMOOTHLY."

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT EXTRA CHARGE OF \$162,320 IS PREJUDICIAL TO WHOLE PROGRAM OF AEOI-ORNL COOPERATION. WE URGE DEPARTMENT AND ERDA TO DROP THESE EXTRA OVERHEAD CHARGES SINCE THESE WOULD VERY LIKELY LEAD TO GOI ABANDONING THE WHOLE PROJECT. EMBASSY NOTES THAT \$162,320 WHICH ERDA SEEKS ARE LEVIED BY ERDA ALONE NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THAT IRANIANS WILL TRAIN ONLY IN ORNL FACILITIES AND THERE IS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET A 20 PERCENT CHARGE FOR OAK RIDGE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES. APPEARS TO EMBASSY AND AEOI THAT ADDITIONAL SUM BEARS NO RELATION ACTUAL PROGRAM COSTS. FURTHERMORE WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF PROJECT WERE TO FOUNDER ON ACCOUNT OF THIS EXTRA CHARGE PROPOSED UPCOMING U.S.-IRAN JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING--WHICH THE SECRETARY STRONGLY SUPPORTS--IN WASHINGTON, JULY 25-29, WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WOULD SERVE OUR LONG-TERM USIRJC OBJECTIVES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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